

## Chickens Delivered in Eastern Baghdad

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CAMP PATRIOT, Baghdad -- In a November 5 effort to improve relations with the local population, Soldiers of C Troop, 10th Cavalry, 1st Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, distributed 250 chickens to families in Eastern Baghdad.

When the BRT pulled into the neighborhood in which they planned to distribute the birds, people didn't quite know what to make of the situation when the Soldiers began to unload trunk loads of indiscriminate cardboard boxes.

Then, those boxes were opened, and the Soldiers' intent was clear. There would be chicken on the menu that evening.

"This is something that [Charlie Troop] had not done before," said Capt. Leo Wyszynski, commander of Charlie Troop. "We want to create a bridge between ourselves and the people. We gave out chicken to some of the poorer families in the area to show we're concerned for their well being and also to cre-

ate some trust so they'll help us end some security issues."

While 250 chickens is practically nothing compared to the hundreds of millions of dollars in projects that the 1st BCT and Iraqi government has planned for the area, such an operation is highly visible and gets immediate results.

"The best way to get intelligence ... is to get out on the ground and talk to people and work with them," Wyszynski said.

Before the Soldiers could finish the distribution of the chicken, a local man approached with information about an insurgent cell operating in the area, saying that he was happy to be an informant because insurgents had shot and wounded one of his children.

In addition to improving relations with local citizens, such humanitarian missions also give the Soldiers of the BRT the opportunity to break from the monotony of daily patrols.

"It's good to get out there and work with the people," said Staff Sgt. Stephen Hibbert, a C Troop squad leader. "We probably could have used a lot more chickens."



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Soldiers of C Troop, 10th Cavalry, 1st Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, distribute a few of 250 frozen chickens to Iraqis during Operation Flying Chicken in eastern Baghdad Nov. 5.



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Using maps and charts, Capt. Kevin Bradley, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, explains details to an ING Bn. staff officer.

## 302nd ING Spoils "Aggressor's" Attack

By Staff Sgt. Susan German  
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CAMP INDEPENDENCE, Baghdad - Intelligence reports indicated that the threat of a big attack loomed over a Baghdad neighborhood and defending troops had limited time to locate the mastermind targeting 4,000 innocent Iraqis.

Decision makers sat huddled around the table in the tactical operations center at battalion headquarters, surrounded by maps and charts, mulling over possible courses of action and planning their coordinated response.

Leaders of the 302nd Iraqi National Guard (ING) Battalion participated in their first command post exercise (CPX) at Camp Independence Oct. 25-28.

Capt. Kevin Bradley, an adviser to the 302nd and plans officer from the operations section of the 1st Cavalry Division's

3rd Brigade Combat Team, along with cadre comprised of personnel from throughout the brigade, has worked closely with the ING Soldiers and staff for the past seven months to bring them to their current level of proficiency.

Advisers from the 3rd BCT came up with the scenario, throwing anything and everything at the ING, in order to test their capabilities.

"They tried to make it the worst three days they could possibly have in sector - all the worst scenarios [such as vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (VBIEDs), crowd demonstrations and media presence], that could possibly happen to you in 24 hours, happened at the same time," Bradley said.

"The point is, they've been able to manage all that. They don't always come

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up with the right answer, and sometimes they need prodding to work it all the way through, but they've handled the crisis, they're asking the right questions and they're calling the right people for help."

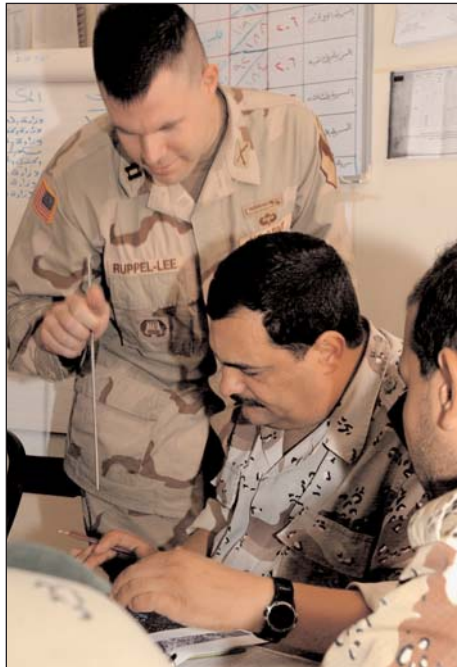
The 302nd has been involved in numerous missions already and shown the advisers they're able to plan, coordinate and track tasks, Bradley said. One of the bigger aims of the exercise was to get the ING staff involved in managing their personnel during extended missions.

"It was more to give them a taste of what it was going to be like - for three days, 24-hours-a-day - how they were going to keep everybody here, how they were going to continue a presence when guys want to go home, when the staff wants to go home and see their family," Bradley said.

"They're doing our missions, but they don't have the strength that we do, in that everyone's here, everyone's available, if you need them. You just go wake them up and they go on patrols," he said. "They've got guys who are at home, who are going to be off, how do they give them time off, things like that. That's what we were trying to get them to take a look at."

The other goal was to get a different set of eyes on the situation. Since he's been working closely with the 302nd for seven months, Bradley knows them and their quirks well. He wanted to get some of the majors on the brigade staff, as well as some of the captains out to see what they're capable of and to give them some different ideas for training, things they might have overlooked or gave up on, Bradley said.

Bradley credits the group of noncommissioned officers (NCOs) assigned from the 3rd BCT for their contribution to the success of the Iraqi battalion's CPX. He said they were instrumental in setting up



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After issuing an operations order, Capt. Stefan Ruppel-Lee, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, explains information provided to 302nd Iraqi National Guard Battalion staff during the 302nd's first command post exercise conducted at Camp Al-Istiqbal in Baghdad.

the battalion staff sections, as well as the NCO corps and a functioning headquarters company for the 302nd, including property book and logistics systems. Without a well-established base of operations, something that did not exist seven months ago, things at the top wouldn't run as smoothly.

Despite coming from different units within the 3rd Brigade, the staff has banded together to build a cohesive advisory

unit, helping to teach the ING Soldiers what they'll need to be successful.

They pretty much had to start from scratch, building from ground zero, said Greenacres, Fla. native Staff Sgt. Albert Amoroso, an adviser for the 302nd from 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3BCT.

"They're open-minded to listening and learning, a lot of these guys really want to learn from us and they want to do great things for their country," Amoroso said.

Staff personnel of 3BCT have been involved in other tasks that have proved vital to the battalion's progress and exercise success. They've provided equipment, such as computers and radios, which has aided communication and coordination with higher and lower elements.

They've also helped develop and revise manuals, including a form of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to assist with organization and discipline within the battalion, according to Sgt. 1st Class Robert Craig, from Pine Bluffs, Ark., a battalion master gunner with Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment who serves as the adviser to the 302nd headquarters company's first sergeant.

"They want to do what's right, and even though they've had a lot [of ING] shot and killed, they still want to have their country free," said 1st Sgt. William Tager of Company B, 3-8 Cavalry, who serves as a mentor to the 302nd's battalion sergeant major and staff. "They want to be part of that plan."

Although they suffered casualties, the 302nd was able to locate their target and avert the simulated terrorist's attack as the three-day exercise came to an end. Their advisors said that the Iraqi Soldiers can now take what they've learned from this exercise and build on it, allowing them to move closer to self-sufficiency.

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

Whose is that?

liman haaza

### Friday

High: 82  
Low: 68



### Saturday

High: 81  
Low: 60



### Sunday

High: 81  
Low: 60



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## News Notes

### Pot-for-Tires Plan Turns to Robbery

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) -- A man who unsuccessfully tried to barter with marijuana was arrested for stealing two auto tires. Joshua Dean Williams, 20, and another man allegedly tried the pot-for-tires swap at a Sears Auto Center. When the sales clerk refused, one of the men swung at the worker with a baseball bat. The worker avoided being struck and threw a rock at the car, shattering a window. The suspects grabbed two tires and drove off. The duo returned to the store about an hour later looking for the worker who broke their window. The two fled after workers recognized them, but police were able to nab Williams and arrest him on suspicion of robbery.

### The Things Some Will do for Money

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) -- A man was accused of beating his 79-year-old grandmother with a claw hammer because she said she wouldn't write him a check for \$500. Delores Davies suffered two skull fractures and a broken arm in the attack. Davies told police her 34-year-old grandson, Andrew Lubeck, attacked her at his home after she refused to write him a check for \$500. Lubeck's attorney said in court his client suffers from bipolar disorder.



Photos by Spc. Joshua McPhie, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs (Rear)  
Soldiers of The 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment are greeted home by Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division as well as members of various Fort Hood support groups.

## First Cav. Family Readiness Groups Fill in for Returning Soldiers' Families

By Spc. Joshua McPhie  
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When the 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry returned to Fort Hood from Iraq Nov. 6, most of their families weren't there.

It wasn't a lack of love that kept them away, but rather the distance. The 2-153 Inf. is part of the Arkansas National Guard attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. Arkansas National Guard officials advised family members to not travel to Hood, since the Soldiers would be returning to Arkansas shortly.

The lack of family members didn't deter 1st

Cavalry family readiness groups from welcoming the troops home. Members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, Friends of the Cav., the Fort Hood USO and the Salvation Army were also on hand to welcome the returning Soldiers.

"We want to show our support and be there," said Carleen Hughes, who works with the Ford Hood USO. "If we're asked to come we'll be there, whether it's 2 p.m. or 2 a.m."

Not having family there to greet them also didn't mean the Soldiers went without a welcome home hug. Elizabeth Laird was on hand representing the Salvation Army to make sure of that.

Laird said she has been regularly greeting Soldiers since June of 2003. "When they leave I give them a hug," she said enthusiastically.

She started shaking Soldiers hands when they left or returned and somehow transitioned into hugging. "They just lit up," she said. "If I can do something to make someone feel better, I've done something good."

While Laird waited for the buses to arrive, she greeted most of the Soldiers preparing for the arrival with a hug.

"It's great to be back," said Spc. Anthony Graham. He said being back made him realize what he had been missing most. "It's the small things you miss, things like clean air ... and green grass." He said it is also nice not being worried about mortar attacks.

"Being able to walk around like normal is something you take for granted," Hightower said.

"It feels better, but it will take a while to wind down," said Spc. Andy Tinkle. He said he is looking forward to spending time with his 14 month-old son. Being able to regularly communicate with his family made the deployment seem easier. "It means the world," he said.

The Arkansas Soldiers will be staying at Hood for about a week while they complete post-deployment screenings and briefings.



At Fort Hood, members of the 1st Cavalry Division's Color Guard greet Soldiers of the 2-153 Inf. upon their return to the states from duty in Iraq Nov. 6.

## Moss to Miss Second Game of Season

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) - As expected, the Minnesota Vikings will play another game this week without All-Pro wide receiver Randy Moss.

After making token appearances in the previous two games, Moss sat out Monday night's loss at Indianapolis with a strained right hamstring - the first absence of his seven-year career.

Since he got hurt in the second quarter of Minnesota's win at New Orleans on Oct. 17, Moss has not caught a pass after recording at least one reception in each of his first 101 games.

That drought will continue on Sunday at Green Bay.

"Now that he's accepted the fact that he does have an injury, I think we'll better deal with it," coach Mike Tice said Wednesday. "He's in there rehabbing and training right now."

Moss has a high threshold for pain and a history of fast healing - and stubbornness. He finally consented last week to having an MRI exam, which confirmed the initial diagnosis.

"It was tough to get him to admit that he couldn't play with the injury," Tice said, "and when he finally did. It's where it should be. He should get it right."

Tice said Moss agreed to another diagnostic MRI before he's cleared to return the field, which will be either next week against Detroit or Nov. 28 against Jacksonville.

Moss has 26 receptions for 394 yards and eight touchdowns this year for the Vikings (5-3),



AP  
Minnesota Vikings star wide receiver, Randy Moss, will miss the second game of his seven-year career Sunday when his team plays the Packers in Green Bay.

who face a critical game against the rival Packers (4-4) as the second half of the season begins and the NFC North race cranks up.

In the meantime, Marcus Robinson, Nate Burleson, Kelly Campbell and tight end Jermaine Wiggins will again carry the receiving load. Burleson returned a punt 91 yards for a touchdown and caught an 8-yard scoring pass from Daunte Culpepper against the Colts.

"We don't have to search for a different personality," Culpepper said. "We just have to do what we do."

## Say 'No' to Drugs, for Gold's Sake

DENVER (AP) -- Sprinter Jerome Young, a central figure in a doping case that could cost the U.S. relay team its gold medal from Sydney, was banned for life by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Wednesday following his second positive test for a banned drug.

Young tested positive for EPO at a Paris meet in July, USADA said. He is believed to be the first sprinter to test positive for EPO, which is popular with endurance runners and cyclists.

Young, 28, tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999, but was exonerated by a U.S. appeals panel in July 2000, avoiding a two-year ban. He ran in the opening and semifinal rounds of the 2000 Games, but not in the 1,600-meter final anchored by Michael Johnson.

All six members of the relay squad received gold

medals, but Young's was stripped.

Track's world governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), has recommended declaring the entire Sydney relay team ineligible because of Young.

If the International Olympic Committee follows the IAAF's recommendation, Nigeria would be upgraded to gold, Jamaica to silver and the Bahamas to bronze in the Sydney relay.

The last American to have an Olympic gold medal taken away for a similar offense was swimmer Rick DeMont in 1972. DeMont, then 16, finished first in the 400 freestyle. He tested positive for a banned substance in his asthma medication.

Young has an unlisted telephone number in Fort Worth, Texas. Former coach and agent Raymond Stewart said he has not been in touch with Young.

## In Brief

### Co. Won't Help Martha Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) -- Imprisoned homemaking mogul Martha Stewart has



asked the company she founded to reimburse her for \$3.7 million in legal bills for a single criminal count that was eventually thrown out. The company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., disclosed the request in a regulatory filing Tuesday. The \$3.7 million figure applies to Stewart's defense on a charge that she propped up the company's stock price in 2002. Stewart, who is appealing her conviction, is in the second month of a five-month prison sentence at a federal prison for women in West Virginia.

### From Detainee To Honoree

ROME (AP) -- Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev honored the singer once known as Cat Stevens with a peace prize on Wednesday, praising him for charity work and for standing by his convictions despite personal hardships. Yusuf Islam was awarded the "Man for Peace" prize in Rome at the opening of a meeting of Nobel Peace Prize laureates. The "Peace Train" singer, who largely gave up music after converting to Islam in the late 1970s, mused about the strangeness of being barred from one country while being honored in another.

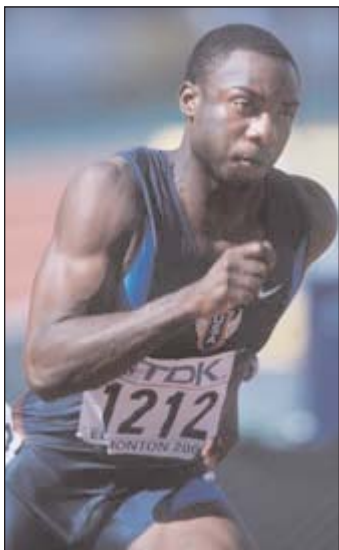


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Jerome Young, a sprinter for the U.S. relay team during the Sydney Olympics, may cost his whole team their gold medals for using banned drugs. He was also banned from competing in the Olympics for life.